

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

8 (currently amended). A pedal security system for pedal mounting, particularly in motor vehicles, comprising:

a pedal rotatably mounted by means of a pedal axis;

an opening for receiving and retaining the pedal axis; and

~~an expandable~~ a slot connected to the opening and defining longer sides, the ~~expandable~~ slot comprising ~~movable~~ lateral walls along the slot longer sides,

the lateral walls comprising ribs or webs that extend longitudinally in the slot,

the ~~movable~~ lateral walls having a first position in which the lateral walls project into the ~~expandable~~ slot and a second position in which the lateral walls are moved out of the ~~expandable~~ slot,

~~wherein~~ the pedal axis ~~engages~~ engaging the ~~movable~~ lateral walls and ~~moves~~ moving the lateral walls from the first position to the second position by exceeding a mechanical limit loading of the pedal axis, whereby the ~~expandable~~ slot receives the pedal axis.

9 (currently amended). The pedal security system of claim 8, wherein a pushing element cooperates with the pedal axis to transmit a load to the pedal axis, thereby forcing the pedal axis into the ~~expandable~~ slot when the load exceeds the mechanical limit loading of the pedal axis.

10 (currently amended). The pedal security system of claim 8, wherein the ~~expandable~~ slot defines a predetermined displacement path of the pedal axis.

11 (currently amended). The pedal security system of claim 10, wherein the ~~expandable~~ slot is formed by an elongated hole which is partly closed by the ~~moveable~~ lateral walls projecting therein.

12 (currently amended). The pedal security system of claim 11, wherein the ~~moveable~~ lateral walls are bent, dismounted, or pushed away from the ~~expandable~~ slot in response to the mechanical limit loading by the pedal axis.

Claim 13 (canceled).

14 (currently amended). The pedal security system of claim 8, wherein said opening for receiving the pedal axis and said ~~expandable~~ slot are arranged in a pedal block.